

Former Mayor Hotchkin dies



John Hotchkin

John L. Hotchkin, 78, former mayor, city clerk and member of the Grinnell City Council, died Wednesday evening, Dec. 5, at his home. He had been in failing health the past six months.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Harry H. Linnenbrink officiating. The Scripture Service and Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, where friends may call.

He was born Sept. 8, 1906, on a farm in Rock Creek Township, Jasper County, the son of James and Mary Duggan Hotchkin. He attended Grinnell schools. During his high school years here, began his association with Ben Tarleton at Ben's Goodyear Tire Store, an association that lasted 26 years. He operated the Rex Cigar Store for a few years, then became owner of the Grinnell Skelgas Store.

During his two terms as mayor, the Grinnell Municipal Swimming Pool was built, and during his tenure on the city council, a large storm sewer project was completed. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Grinnell Elks Lodge and was a charter member and trustee of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Hotchkin was married to Florence Cutler on May 17, 1929, in Des Moines.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Michael of Grinnell, four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and two sisters, Lucille Ashing of Des Moines and Dorothy Proctor Stepp of Kellogg.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, John; his parents; two brothers, Joseph and Gerald; and one sister, Helen Badger.

Rites held for John Hotchkin

The Mass of the Resurrection for John L. Hotchkin, 78, of 1408 West St., who died Wednesday, Dec. 5, at his home, was celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The Rev. Harry H. Linnenbrink officiated. Organist was Mary Ellen Brock. Pallbearers were T.W. Burris, Dwight Carey, Kevin Griffin, John Higdon, Kenneth Isenberg and Ben Mitchell. Honorary bearers were Pierce Comerford, Harlan Dare, Philip Eichhorn, Leo Flanagan, Bob Hamilton, John McIntosh, Jim Thomas, Ben Tarleton and Charles Vogel.

Burial was in the Calvary section of Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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